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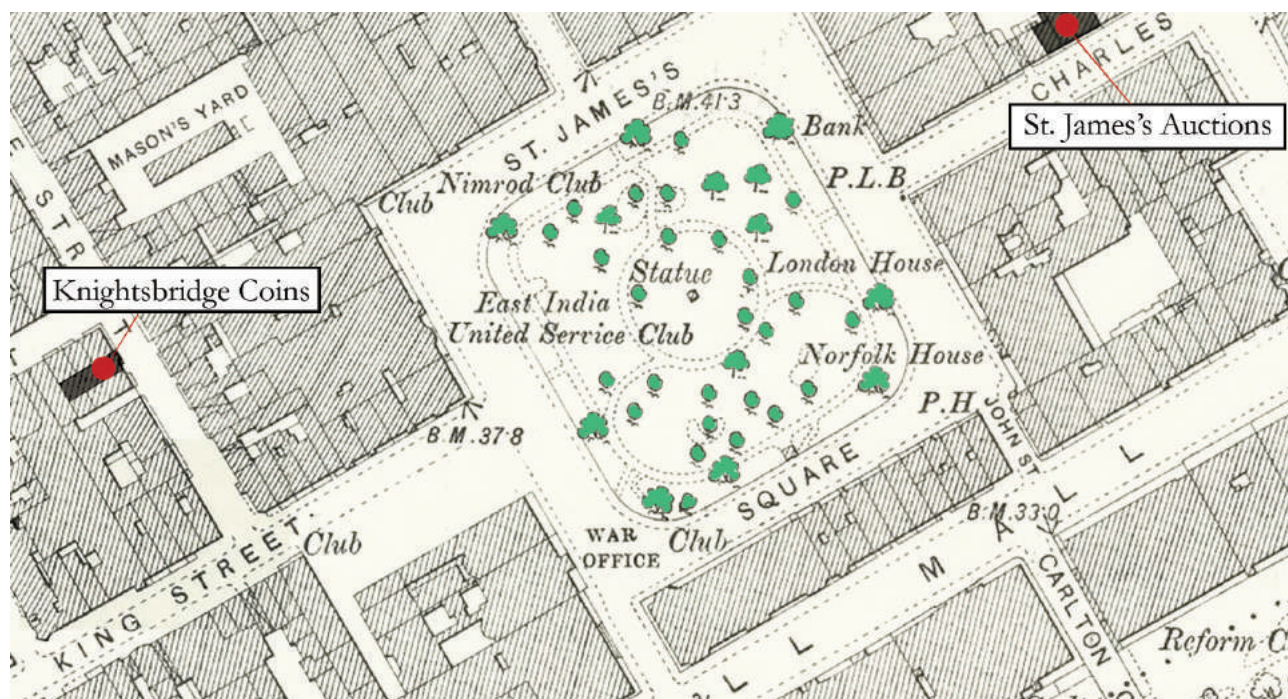
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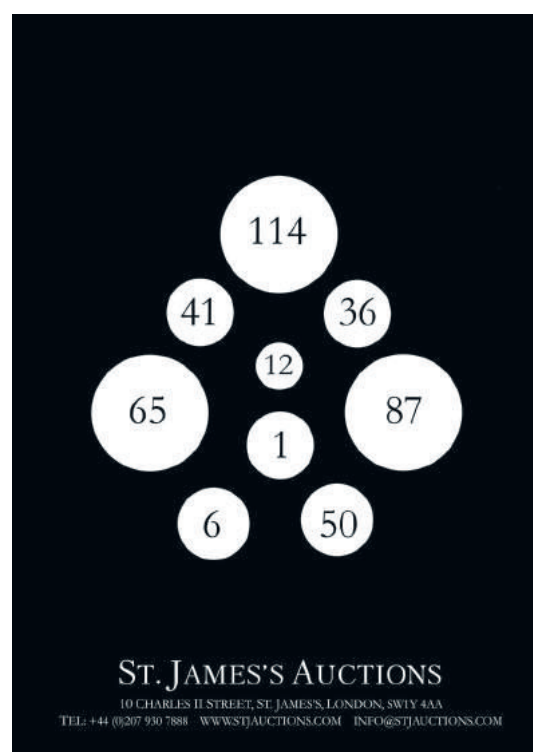
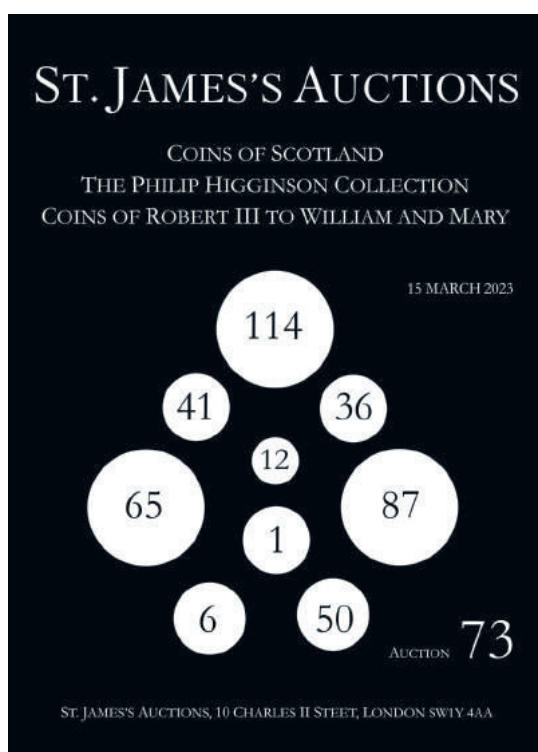
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# FOREWORD

St. James's Auctions is pleased to present Coins of Scotland, the Philip Higginson Collection. Coins of Robert III to William and Mary.

The internet has changed many aspects of our lives. The buying and selling of coins is no exception, and it has been radically transformed. In my early collecting years, I was fortunate to establish personal relationships over many years with dealers who were always happy to share their knowledge. I wish to express my sincere thanks to someone who sadly is no longer with us – Michael Sharpe from A. H. Baldwin and Sons. I have many fond memories of him clutching his Seaby price guide, or 'The coins of the Highland and the Isles' – as he affectionately referred to it. He would go down into the renowned Baldwin's Basement and find hidden gems. I recall him once reappearing with early Alexander pennies provenanced to the Jock Murray sale, on another occasion he produced a halfgroat of Francis and Mary from the Marquess of Bute auction (lot 63). He was a good friend, and his knowledge and conversation are truly missed.

Many of the coins featured here were purchased from Mark Rasmussen. His depth of knowledge and experience is widely known, and his opinion respected. I would like to thank him for his expertise in assisting with the cataloguing of my collection.

My study and my collection of Scottish coins does not end with this sale. It will continue with a heightened interest in the earliest coins of Scotland from David I. I am sure that there will be exciting coins to discover as the series is not well documented.

The coins offered for sale in this auction have given me great pleasure over the years, and I hope that they bring joy to their new owners. In choosing St. James's to auction my collection, I knew that it would be in good hands.

The sale commences with a rare Robert III lion and demy-lion (lots 1 and 2) and continues with a selection of groats and half groats, including an interesting new type half groat (lot 10). Moving on we have a rare gold demy (lot 16) a beautiful James III groat with a superb renaissance portrait, (lot 36) and fabulous James IV and James V groats (lots 41 and 43). Some fantastic Mary testoon and half testoons including a rare type II (lot 50). An incredibly rare ryal, believed to be the only known example available to commerce (lot 65) these are followed by a scarce James VI ryal (lot 86), and a very nicely detailed sixty shillings (lot 114).

Good luck to all participants in the auction, I hope you are successful in adding much sought-after coins to your own collections.

*Philip Higginson*

Philip Higginson





1. **Robert III**, lion, heavy coinage (c. 1390 – 1403), large crowned shield, ROBERTS DEI GRA REX SCOTORUM, no V in ROBERTVS, *rev.* St Andrew crucified on long saltire cross, lis at sides, XPC REGNAT XPC VINCIT XPC IMP, wt. 3.88gms (SCBI 35, 517 (same dies); S.5154), struck from a rusty obverse die, a full round coin, *an early piece of Scottish gold, rare* £4000-5000  
*\*ex Mark Rasmussen, 17/12/2010, purchased for £3250*  
 Burns fig. 359 no. 8



2. **Robert III**, gold, demy-lion, heavy coinage, second issue (c. 1390 – 1403), small crowned shield, ROBERTVS DG REX SCOTOR, *rev.* long saltire cross, lis either side, small closed trefoils above and below, XPC VINCIT XPC REGNAT, three pellet stops, shield within a beaded border, wt. 1.76gms (S.5158), *very rare* £900-1200  
*\*ex Mark Rasmussen, 22/05/2010, purchased for £700*  
 Burns fig. 378 no. 7



3. **Robert III**, groat, first coinage (c. 1390 – 1403), rough tall facing bust with rounded shoulders, early die, ROBERTVS [DEI GRA REX] SCOTORVM, trefoil of pellets on cusps below crown with tressure of seven arcs, B's are like R's, *rev.* DNS P TECTOR, [M] S LIB ATORM, no S but a double saltire stop, inner legend VILLA EDINBVRGH, an unrecorded reverse die, wt. 2.58gms (S.5164), *fine, very rare* £250-300  
Purchased EBay

Burns cf fig. 340 no. 2

See Murray Baldwin 9/5/2001, lot 1877

4. **Robert III**, groat, first coinage (c. 1390 – 1403), rough tall facing bust with tressure of seven arcs, ROBERTVS DEI GRA REX SCOTORVM, mint mark to obverse has almost been made invisible due to letter 'm' being punched over it, three large pellets to cusps of tressure below crown, very large head with shortened neck, same dies as SCBI vol 35 no. 542A, chin almost touches arc of tressure, *rev.* DNS P TECTOR MS LIB ATORMS, inner legend, VILLA EDINBVRGH, wt. 2.63gms (S.5164), *nice round flan, fine, reverse better* £250-300  
\*ex Spink N.C., April 2012, item SCO 883, purchased for £250

Burns fig. 348 no. 5 variety



5. **Robert III**, groat, heavy coinage (c. 1390 – 1403), fleur de lis in legend, rough tall facing bust three pellets at cusps of tressure of seven arcs, ROBERTVS DEI GRA REX SCOTORVM, last part of 'm' over cross, *rev.* long cross with three pellets in angles, DNS P TECTOR MS LIB ATORMS, inner legend, VILLA EDINBVRGH, wt. 2.74gms (S.5164A), *scarce, fine to very fine* £200-300  
\*ex Lloyd Bennett, 24/05/2007, purchased for £125

Burns fig. 353 no. 10 variety



6. **Robert III**, groat, heavy coinage (c. 1390 – 1403), tall facing bust, no pellets at cusps, bust breaks tressure of six arcs, ROBERTVS DEI GRA REX SCOTOR, B's are like R's, *rev.* long cross with three pellets in angles, DNS PT ECTORM S LIBA TORMS, inner legend, VILLA EDINBVRGH, wt. 2.79gms (S.5165), *very rare, a pleasing example, very fine* £500-650

\*ex Cochran-Patrick collection, Sotheby 1936/49/57

ex Carlyon-Britton collection, purchased by B.A. Seaby Ltd, 1940/49/59

ex Spink, 13/02/2008, purchased for £320

Burns fig. 337





7. **Robert III**, groat, heavy coinage (c. 1390), tall facing bust, no pellets at cusps, bust breaks tressure of six arcs, detached heart-shaped bust, ROBERTVS [DEI G] RA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* long cross with three pellets in angles, DNS PT ECTORM S LIBA [TORMS], inner legend, VILL AED INBV RGH, wt. 2.73gms (S.5165), *extremely rare, edge a little ragged below bust, weakly struck in the legends, a sharp bust* £500-600  
 \*ex T. Greaves, October 2011, purchased for £400

Important coin, the only one seen by the cataloguer  
 Unpublished obverse die, c.f Burns fig. 337A



8. **Robert III**, groat, second/first issue, mule, non-homogeneous coinage, the round face, second issue, trefoil, pointed tressure series with tressure of nine arcs, cinquefoil of pellets to end of obverse legend, ROBERTVS DEI GRA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* die from first issue, three-pellet-pointed tressure series, DNS P TECTOR M S LIB ATORMS, inner legend, VILLA EDINBVRGH, wt. 2.26gms (S.5166/5164 mule), *rare, small flan (clipped) bust, very fine, light even tone* £375-425  
 \*ex Murray Baldwin, 09/05/2001, lot 1886  
 ex Morton & Eden, July 2012, lot 735, purchased for £272.80

Same dies as Richardson 183 (listed in error as homogeneous coinage)

Same dies as Macpherson DNW 83, 30/09/2009, lot 4019

Large lettering on reverse, as Burns fig. 358 (S.5164), small lettering on obverse as Burns fig. 372 (S.5166)



9. **Robert III**, groat, heavy coinage, second issue Perth (c. 1390 – 1403), neat facing bust with tressure of eight arcs, with or without trefoils at cusps, trefoil stops, ROBERTVS DEI GRA REX SCOTORV, *rev.* saltire, pellet stops, DNS P TECTOR MS LIB ATORMS, inner legend, VILL A DE PERTH, large lettering to both sides, wt. 2.62gms (S.5170), *rare, very fine reverse good very fine* £425-500  
 \*ex Murray-Baldwin 26, 09/05/2001, lot 1888 (same dies)  
 ex Morton & Eden, July 2012, lot 736, purchased for £322.40

Burns fig. 361 no. 17



10. **Robert III**, new type of half groat, heavy coinage, Perth, ROBERTVS D G REX SCOTORV, facing bust with tressure of seven arcs, cusps ornamented with three pellets, three pellets on breast, *rev.* DNS P TECTOR MS BATORM, inner legend, VILLA DE PERTH, wt. 1.20gms, (cf. S.5175) *a new type for this mit, exceedingly rare, lightly chipped below bust, otherwise a good portrait, fine* £400-600

Unique half groat

Perth only opened as a mint in the second issue period, coins of which have trefoils on the cusps of the tressure, hence this coin with three pellets on the cusps is of great significance

A note on this coin is published in BNJ vol 82, 2012, p. 226/227, offprint of article included with this lot.



11. **Robert III**, half groat, heavy coinage, second issue, Perth, crowned facing bust within tressure of six arcs with the left arc to the centre of the bust, the points ornamented with trefoil, ROBERTVS D G REX SCOTORV, *rev.* DNS P TECTOR MS LIB ATORM, inner legend, VILLA DE PERTH, wt. 1.38gms (S.5175), *rare, good portrait, seldom seen this nice, good fine* £325-400

\*ex Davidson, DNW December 2003, lot 394

ex Studio coins, March 2005, purchased for £275

BNJ Vol. 82, 2012. P226/227

Same dies as SCBI 35, item 604

Burns cf fig. 376 no. 13 variety

12. **Robert III**, billon penny, first issue, facing bust of English style, [ROB]ERTVS DEI G R SC, *rev.* cross and pellets in angles, LL [A] EDINBVRGH, words divided by fleurs-de-lis and crescents, wt. 0.82gms (S.5180), *large edge chip at 12-2 o'clock, extremely rare, otherwise fine* £350-450

\*ex Sutherland-Spink 64, 23/06/1988, lot 23

ex Baldwin's 80, 08/05/2013, lot 2253, purchased for £396.80

Believed the second known example

Richardson item 249, listed as 'unpublished'

13. **Robert III**, billon halfpenny, first issue, rough facing bust with tall neck, BERTVS EI G R, *rev.* long cross, pellets in angles, VILA EDINBVR, crescent and fleurs-de-lis stops to both obverse and reverse, no 'mm,' wt. 0.39gms (S.5186), *extremely rare, irregular flan, chipped below bust, fair* £200-300

\*ex DNW, 18/03/2015, lot 514, purchased for £124

Believed to be the first recorded example

See Richardson item 249 for similar type, none in SCBI 35

14. **Robert III**, halfpenny, heavy coinage, first issue, Edinburgh, rough facing bust, ROBERTVS REX SCOT, *rev.* VIL LAE DIN BVR, wt. 0.46gms (S.5186), *a nice round coin with good detail, scarce, fair, reverse better* £225-325

\*ex Andy Gillis, August 2011, purchased for £325

cf. Burns fig. 382 no. 2

Burns states: 'From a peculiarity of the die and more hair to the king's left – the head appears slightly towards the left'

UKDFD ref no 32292, 20/07/2011





15. **Robert III**, halfpenny, second issue, Edinburgh, ROBER[T]S DEI G R R, *rev.* V AED I, annulet stops after DEI and G, wt. 0.54gms (S.5187), *good silver, rare, poor* £70-100  
 \*ex True Treasure Books, 17/06/2020, purchased for £80

cf. Burns 388A



16. **James I**, gold demy (9 shillings), third type, lion rampant on lozenge in crown, IACOBVS DEI GRACIA REX S, *rev.* saltire cross flanked by two lis in fleured tressure of six arcs, pellet in the lower angle and letter 'T' to the centre of the cross, large quatrefoils with small pellet centres, SALVVM FAC POPVLVM TVVM, wt. 3.36gms (S.5192), *rare, good very fine* £4000-5000  
 \*ex Spink NC, purchased for £2,950

These demies correspond to the fleur-de-lis groats of the second period  
 Burns fig. 484 no. 21b variety



17. **James I**, groat, first fleur-de-lis issue, small neat bust, sceptre to king's right, with tressure of eight arcs, lis and two saltires on bust, saltire and I by neck, I on sceptre handle, lis stops, ICOBVS DEI TRACIA REX SCO[TOR], *rev.* long cross, fleur-de-lis and three pellets in alternative angles, one small and three large pellets in second and fourth quarters, lis and pellet in first and third quarters, lis in centre, lis and double saltire stops, DNS [P] [TC]OTOR MS LI BATORM, inner legend, VILLA EDINBVRGH, wt. 2.29gms (S.5195), *pleasing, about very fine* £500-600

\*ex Dr James Davidson and Spink SNC 03/04/1915, sold for 5/-  
ex York Coins, October 2009, purchased for £425

Burns fig. 460A no. 226 variety



18. **James I**, groat, first fleur-de-lis, Edinburgh, sceptre to right variety (c. 1406 – 1437), bust within tressure of eight arcs, pointed with trefoils, two saltires and a lis on the bust, 'I' to the right of the neck and saltire to left, another saltire to the right of the crown, 'I' to base of sceptre handle, words divided by fleur-de-lis, IACOBVS DEI TRACIA REX SCO, *rev.* fleur-de-lis and three pellets with saltire in alternate angles of cross, fleur-de-lis in first quarter, DNS PTEOTOR MS LIBATORM, inner legend, VILLA EDINBVRGH, wt. 2.41gms (S.5196), *very rare, fair to fine* £250-350

\*ex Mark Senior, June 1997, purchased for £125  
ex Spink, November 2005, purchased by Spink for £250  
ex Spink, April 2006, purchased from Spink for £320

Burns fig. 458A no. 20a

Richardson fig. 177 no. 143

19. **James I**, groat, first fleur-de-lis issue, Edinburgh, chain circles on both sides variety, small neat bust, sceptre to left, two saltires on the breast, 'I' at each side of neck, 'I' to the base of the sceptre, pellets in arc of tressure of seven arcs, IAC[OBVS DEI TRAC] IA REX SCOTOR, *rev.* long cross, fleur-de-lis in first and third quarters, three pellets in second and fourth quarters, DNS P TECOTOR M[S] [LI] [BATORM], inner legend, IVILLA EDINBVRGH, wt. 2.02gms (S.5197), *very rare, a clear fine* £250-350

\*ex Tom Greaves, 18/05/2020, purchased for £350

Burns: same obverse die fig. 439C no. 11c, but reverse is different

Lockett VI, October 1960, lot 835: similar, but different dies, listed as very rare

20. **James I**, groat, second fleur-de-lis issue, Perth (c. 1406 – 1437), bust within tressure of seven arcs, lis on breast, 'I' on sceptre handle, IACOBVS DEI TRACIA REX SCO, *rev.* one small and three large pellets in first and fourth quarters of cross, lis in second and third, saltire and crescent in third, text divided by lis and cross, DNS PTECT ORMS LIBATO, inner legend, VILLA DE PERTH, wt. 2.14gms (S.5201), *very rare, fine* £450-600

\*ex DNW, auction December 2003, the Davidson collection, lot 405, purchased for £305

These provincial mints are rare, the second coinage more rare than the first

Burns fig. 48C





21. **James I**, penny, group A, probably struck prior to 1424, during the period of the regency, Inverness, large facing bust with shoulders, IAC[OBVS] DEI GRA REX, *rev.* cross and pellets, no initial cross, [VI]LLA INVERNI[S], wt. 0.78gms (S.5208), *extremely rare, fair* £500-600  
Purchased for £652, 11/01/2013

Burns fig. 427 no. 8 cf

Later from BNJ vol 53, 1983:

Nick Holmes, only one coin of Inverness of James I in a hoard of 358 coins (mainly James II and James III billon pennies), page 97, no. 27, plate 2

Ian Stewart, NC 6<sup>th</sup> series 1955, coin no. 9

There is only a handful of crown Inverness pennies, all with the same obverse dies, but various reverse dies

22. **James I**, penny, group B, corresponds with the first fleur-de-lis issue groats, Inverness, facing bust as first issue groats, but without sceptre, has two lines below and the one after REX is on its side, king's crown is double punched, IACOBV[S DE]I G[RA] REX SC, *rev.* initial cross before VILLA, VIL[LA IN]V[ER]NIS, wt. 0.58gms (S.5211), *coin broken to edge at 7-8 o'clock, otherwise fine, exceedingly rare* £300-500

Burns fig. 426 no. 7 (same dies)



23. **James II**, groat, first coinage 1437 – 1451, third fleur-de-lis issue, bust of rough work, eight arcs to tressure with pellets on cusps, tall thin crown, bushy hair, no extra ornaments, sceptre to king's right, IACOBVS DEI GRACIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* long cross, fleur-de-lis in first and third quarters of cross, three pellets in second and fourth quarters, DNS TECTOR MS LIBERATOR, inner legend, VILLA EDINBVRGH, wt. 2.22gms (S.5225), *irregular flan, almost very fine* £500-700

\*ex SNC, April 2007, SCO 542

Die not recorded in Burns



24. **James II**, groat, first coinage 1437 – 1451, fourth fleur-de-lis issue, bust in mantle and hair more wavy, large crown with tall central fleur, three pellets to spaces of crown, with tressure (second variety), ICOBVS DEI GRA [REX] SCOTTORVM, *rev.* long cross, fleur-de-lis in first and third quarters, three pellets in second and fourth quarters, [LI]BERATOR ME DNS TECTOR [ME], inner legend, VI LLA EDINBVRG, wt. 1.83gms (S.5230), *very rare, edge a little ragged, otherwise fine* £500-700  
 \*ex Alan Smith, Essex Coins, 29/11/21, purchased for £575

Burns fig. 514 no. 19

The cataloguer comments that the coin was bought from Essex Coins as erroneously catalogued as reference number S.5200



25. **James II**, groat, second coinage c. 1451 – 1460, first issue, bust in mantle with tressure of nine arcs, IACOBVS DEI GRA REX SCOTTORVM, *rev.* crowns in second and fourth quarters of cross, pellets in first and third quarters, DNS PTECTOR ME LIBERATOR ME, inner legend, VILLA EDINBVRG, wt. 3.49gms (S.5231), *very rare, a clear example, almost very fine* £500-700  
 \*ex M. Rasmussen, 22/05/2010, purchased for £425

Burns fig. 515 no. 26

Burns notes: It is very exceptional to find upon them a clearly struck face and bust, presumably from the face and bust having been put in for the greater part from worn punchers





26. **James II**, groat, second coinage 1451 – 1460, first issue, bust in mantle, IACOBVS DEI GRA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* three pellets in first and third quarters of cross, ATOR ME CNS PTECTOR ME LIBER, legend reads CNS and begins in second quarter, inner legend, VILLA EDINBVRG, wt. 3.3.0gms (S.5231), *very rare, good fine, reverse better* £600-700

\*ex Glendining's Auctions A-20, June 1990, lot 1131

ex DNW Auctions 83, 30/09/2009, lot 4032

ex Spink NC, March 2010, purchased for £650

Burns cf fig. 517 no. 7 variety



27. **James II**, groat, second coinage c. 1451 – 1460, third type – crown and pellet, *obv.* facing bust, a trefoil each side of the neck, crown with trefoil pointed spikes with tressure of nine arcs, IACOBVS DEI GRA REX SCOTT ORM, *rev.* new reverse, pellets in first and third quarters, saltire between, crowns in second and fourth quarters, die unknown, DNS P TECTORM S LIBERATOR MS, inner legend, VILLA EDINBVRG, wt. 3.70gms (S.5237), *very rare, fine, reverse better* £350-450

Same dies as Mrs Murray Baldwin 26, 09/05/2001, lot 1922

Rarely offered for sale

Burns fig. 550 no. 36 variety



28. **James II**, half groat, second coinage 1451 – 1460, Edinburgh, crosse fourchee crowned bust of English style, lis to right of crown with tressure of nine arcs, IACOB' DEI GRACIA REX SCOTOR', *rev.* crown, three pellets in second and fourth quarters of cross, crown in first and third quarters, DNS P TECTOR MS LI BERAT, inner legend, VILLA EDIBVRGE, wt. 1.63gms (S.5243), *all legends readable, near fine, extremely rare* £600-800

\*ex Dr James Davidson

ex DNW, 10/12/2003, lot 415, sold for £375

ex Spink, 04/06/2008, purchased for £500

Burns fig. 551 no. 2



29. **James II**, penny, second coinage c. 1451 – 1460, second issue, mm. crown, bust of English style, faint saltires by neck, one to the right of king's bust is clearer than the other, IACC DEI REX SCOTRV[M], *rev.* trefoil of pellets in angles of cross, saltire between pellets in each angle, VILLA EDINB V[RGH], wt. 0.75gms (S.5251), *scarce, poor, reverse almost fine* £150-200  
 \*ex Spink NC, April 2007, purchased for £175  
 Burns cf fig 554C no. 4c
30. **James II**, billon penny, second coinage c. 1451 – 1460, second issue, type Ci, Edinburgh, no initial mark, unclothed facing bust, lis to either side of neck and on chest, no initial mark, IACO REI GRA REX SCOTRVM, *rev.* plain reverse, trefoil of pellets in angles of cross, VILLA EDINBVRG, wt. 0.57gms (S.5252), *rare, fair* £200-300  
 \*ex Mark Rasmussen list 28, item 622, 19/04/2016, purchased for £180  
 Burns cf fig. 555A 6a for reverse  
 BNJ, vol 53, 1983, Nick Holmes, item 224
31. **James III**, groat, light issue c. 1467, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattee, facing bust, saltires by neck, , nine arcs to tressure, IACOBVS D GRA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* trefoil of pellets and mullets of six points, mullets in first and third quarters of cross, pellets in second and fourth quarters, saltire between the pellets, DNS P TECTOR MS LIBRTV, inner legend, VILLA EDINBVRG, wt. 2.40gms (S.5263), *rare, a clear specimen* £350-450  
 \*ex Spink NC, April 2007  
 Burns fig. 561 no. 1



32. **James III**, groat, base silver issue c. 1471 – 1483 (0.770 fineness), bust half-right in surcoat and armour, with tressure of nine arcs, IACOBVS DEI GRA SCOTORVM, *rev.* floriate cross with large thistleheads and mullets in alternate angles, VILLA EDINBVRGH, wt. 2gms (S.5270), *good portrait, near very fine on a full flan, rare* £1200-1500  
 \*ex Spink NC, April 2007, purchased for £750  
 Burns fig. 580 no. 10





33. **James III**, groat, light issue c. 1482, Edinburgh, mm. cross fleury, small facing bust with low crown of five fleurs, with tressure of seven arcs, IACOBVS DEI GRA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* five pointed mullets in first and third quarters of cross, three pellets in second and fourth quarters, DNS PTECTORM S LIBEATVRMS, inner legend, VILLA EDENBEOVRGE, wt. 2.48gms (S.5280), *almost very fine* £350-450  
 \*ex Simon Monks, December 2006, purchased for £275  
 Burns fig. 605 no. 24 variety and 'V' in SCOTORVM
34. **James III**, penny, light issue c. 1482, small facing bust with low crown of five fleurs, *rev.* mullets of five points, with three pellets in alternate angles, wt. 0.61gms (S.5283), *rare, surface fracture across face, edge crack at 5 o'clock* £125-225  
 \*ex E Bay, October 2019, purchased for £180  
 Burns fig. 611
35. **James III**, groat, main issue 1484 – 1488, Edinburgh, bust half-left with arched crown, an annulet on the inner circle before the head, IACOBVS DIE GRACIA REX COTR, *rev.* pellets with annulet in first and third quarters of cross, crowns in second and fourth quarters, DNS PROTEC TORME VETORV, inner legend, VILLA EDINBRVG, wt. 3.02gms (S.5287), *almost very fine* £450-550  
 \*ex SNC, April 2007, SCO 553  
 Burns fig. 640 no. 40



36. **James III**, groat, main issue 1484 – 1488, Edinburgh, mm. cross fleury, bust half-left with arched crown, annulet on inner circle before bust, IACOBVS DIE GRACIA REX COTR, *rev.* pellets with annulet in second and fourth quarters of cross, crowns in first and third quarters, DNS PROTET ORME T ERATO, inner legend, VIL LAE DIN BBVG, wt. 3.02gms (S.5288), *superb portrait, very fine* £1500-2000  
 \*ex Fred Rist, May 2007, purchased for £550  
 Burns fig. 642 no. 46



37. **James III**, plack c. 1473 onwards, shield in tressure of three arcs, crown above, cross pattee either side, IACOBVS DEI GRA REX SCOTTORVM, *rev.* floreate cross fourchee, saltire in central panel, crowns in angles, VILLA DE EDINBVRGH, wt. 2.34gms (S.5293), *scarce, fair* £150-200

\*ex Glendining's, 19/06/1990, lot 1136

ex DNW Auctions 83, 30/09/2009, lot 4048, the Roderick Macpherson Collection, estimated at £120 – 150

Burns fig. 572 no.2.

Bateson, 'Coinage in Scotland,' this coin p.89, fig. 110

38. **James III**, plack, c. 1473 onwards, shield in tressure of three arcs, crown above, cross pattee either side, IACOBVS DEI GRA REX SCOTTORVM, *rev.* floreate cross fourchee, saltire in central panel, crowns in angles, VILE DINBVRGH, wt. 2.12gms (S.5293), *scarce, about fine* £125-175

\*ex Tom Greaves, 18/05/2020, purchased for £100

Burns fig. 572 no. 2



39. **James III**, billon penny (c. 1475 – 1482), facing bust with crown of three fleurs, pointed spaces between, IAC BEC, *rev.* cross and pellets, VILLA EDINBV, wt. 0.5gms (7.71 grains) (S.5302), *rare, almost fine* £250-350

\*ex Spink, October 2007, purchased for £325

These coins are difficult to find and they are rarely as nice as this one – with a good portrait, full reverse legends

These coins correspond to the six-pointed mullet groats of the second series c. 1475 – 1482

Comes with old ticket – Daniels 2/-

Burns fig. 596 possibly, no. 8 for obverse and no. 10 for reverse



40. **James III**, penny, perhaps ecclesiastical (c. 1460 – 1488), *Crux Pellit*, Bishop Kennedy pennies, third type – rosette in the centre of orb, IACOBVS DEI GRA REX, *rev.* Latin cross in quatrefoil, CRVX PELLIT OIE CRIM, wt. 1.91gms (S.5311), *rare this nice, a bold very fine* £350-450

\*ex Lloyd Bennett, November 2006, purchased for £300





41. **James IV**, groat, light coinage, *obv.* neat facing bust, mm. crown, IACOBVS DEI GRA REX SCOTTORVM, *rev.* mullets in first and third quarters of cross, pellets in second and fourth quarters, SALVVM FAC PPL VVM TVVMDNE, inner legend, VILLA EDENBEOVRGE, wt. 2.44gms (37.6 grains) (S.5342), *good very fine, a sharp detailed portrait* £1400-1600

\*ex Hird, lot 145: Glendining's, 06/03/1974  
ex Mark Rasmussen, 13/05/2008, purchased for £1000

Burns fig. 675 no. 14/15 variety



42. **James IV**, billon penny, second issue, class IV (c. 1488 – 1513), round facing bust, IACOBVS [DEI GRA] REX SCOT, *rev.* long cross, lis and crowns in alternate angles, VILL [A DE] EDIN BVRG, wt. 0.63gms (S.5362), *scarce in this condition, good very fine* £250-400

Purchased by M Rasmussen, 22/05/2010, for £125



43. **James V**, groat, second coinage 1526 – 1539, type I, bust right in mantle with double-arched crown, IACOBVS S DEI GRA REX SCOTOR, *rev.* pointed shield over cross fourchee, VILLA ED INBRVGH, wt. 2.57gms (S.5376), *rare, very fine* £1200-1500

\*ex JNQ Wallworth collection, Glendining's auction 17, December 1942, part of lot 10

ex BNJ, 1991, lot 61

ex Davidson collection DNW – 60, 09/12/2003, lot 441

ex A.H. Baldwin and Sons Ltd, 27/01/2009, purchased for £750

Very rarely offered for sale and thus desirable

Burns fig. 725 no. 24

Stevenson type Ia, obverse die 3



44. **James V**, groat, second coinage 1526 – 1539, type II, bust right in mantle with single-arched crown, twelve pellets to crown, IACOBVS S DEI GRA REX SCOTORV, *rev.* pointed shield over cross fourchee, OPPIDVM EDINBVRGI, wt. 2.50gms (S.5377), *extremely rare, almost very fine* £600-800

\*ex Davisson's E-Auction 41, lot 93

ex Andrew Howitt, 07/01/2022, purchased as S.5379 for £430

Die not recorded by Stevenson, BNJ 1991, vol. 61: of the seven obverse dies recorded, none have the omega sign after SCOTORV

Number of coins type II – 25, number of obverse dies – 7

Coin has two old tickets describing coin as type III and type IV, all in error

Only two type II groats in Lord Stewartby's collection (much error than type I), SCBI. 71, items 358 – 359





45. **James V**, groat, second coinage, type IIIb, bust right in open mantle with single-arched crown, trefoil of pellets in field (beside inner circle at 9 o'clock), IACOBVS S DEI GRA REX SCOTORV, with pellet above V, *rev.* rounded shield over cross fourchee, OPPIDV EDINBVRGI, N reversed with cross-bar faint, three dots beside E and two dots with a billet above right cross-arm, wt. 2.48gms (S.5378), *extremely rare, scratches in front of face, otherwise good fine* £250-350

\*ex Steven Mitchell, 06/06/2009, purchased for £240

BNJ vol. 61, p. 37 – 56

The groat coinage of James V, 1526 – 1538,' R.B.K. Stevenson, obverse III.20, reverse III.196 (combination not recorded)  
SCBI 58, obverse 87, reverse 86



46. **James V**, groat, second coinage 1526 – 1539, type III, bust right in open mantle with chain, with single-arched crown, IACOBVS S DEI GRA REX SCOTORV, *rev.* rounded shield over cross fourchee, OPPIDVM EDINBVRGI, wt. 2.79gms (S.5378), *scarce, struck from rusty dies, good very fine* £500-700

\*ex Spink, circular March 2009, SCO746

Stevenson, no. 33, recorded as class IIIc (IV)

Burns fig. 706 no. 1 variety



47. **James V**, groat, second coinage 1526 – 1539, type IV, bust right in open mantle with double-arched crown, head with pointed nose, crown of five fleurs, five pellets to the crown, colon stops, mm. cross, IACOBVS S DEI GRA REX SCOTORV, *rev.* rounded shield over cross fourchee, colon stops, mm. fleur-de-lis, OPPIDV EDINBVRGI, wt. 2.65gms (S.5379), *very rare, good fine* £400-500

\*ex La Riviere, Spink 179, 29/03/2006, item 91

ex Mark Rasmussen 28, 01/04/2016, purchased for £375

Stevenson, class IVb, no. 2 for dies



48. **James IV/James V**, plak, first coinage, mule, type I, shield in tressure, crowns above and at sides, Lombardic lettering James IV, IACOBVS DEI GRACIA REX SCOTT, *rev.* crowns and saltires in alternate angles of cross, mullet in centre, Roman lettering James V, VILLA DE [E]DINBVRG, wt. 1.79gms (S.5349/S.5381), *extremely rare, a clear fine* £300-400

\*ex purchased for £80 in October 2009

ex York Coins, 2008

James IV/James V mules infrequently appear but are of the type Roman lettering, numeral 4 on the obverse and Roman lettering (JV) on the reverse

The only other complete example being in SCBI, vol 35, no. 944/H

Burns, vol II, p. 254 for a fragment in the Creggan hoard

49. **James V**, plak, first coinage c. 1513 – 1526, crowned arms in tressure of four arcs, stars of five points in the angles of the tressure, IACOBVS DEI GRA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* cross fourchee, crowns in first and third quarters of cross, saltires in second and fourth quarters, star stops both sides, Roman lettering, VILL A DE EDINBVRG, wt. 1.66gms (S.5381), *very fine for issue* £150-200

\*ex Dolphin Coins, fixed price list no. 1, 1992

ex Spink NC, April 2007, SCO566, purchased for £75

Burns cf. fig. 760 no. 3a



50. **Mary**, testoon, first period, type II (d. 1555), large M crowned, crowned thistle each side, MARIA DEI G SCOTOR REGINA 1555, *rev.* shield over cross potent, DILICIE DNI COR HVMILE, wt. 7.49gms (S.5402), *very rare, a very pleasing example, good very fine* £1000-1500

\*ex DNW Auctions, 83, 30/09/2009, lot 4220, estimated at £400 – 600

SCBI vol 58, no. 297

Burns fig. 783 no. 5 variety

Murray's example was bought by NMS





51. **Mary**, testoon, first period 1542 – 1558, type IIIa (d. 1556), small high arched crown over shield dividing MR, annulets below, stops to obverse (not in Burns), MARIA D G SCOTOR REGINA 1556, D G instead of usual DEI G (not in Burns), *rev.* cross potent with cross-crosslet in each angle, IN VIRTUTE TVA LIBERA ME 1556, wt. 6gms (S.5404), *rare, almost very fine* £500-600

\*ex Hood Auctions, August 1993, purchased for £95

Burns: not as such cf fig. 786 no. 7

52. **Mary**, testoon, first period before marriage c. 1542 – 1558, type IIIa (d. 1556), small high arched crown over shield dividing MR, annulets below, MARIA D G SCOTOR REGINA 1556, D G instead of usual DEI G, early die, *rev.* cross potent with cross in each angle, IN VIRTUTE TVA LIBERA ME 1556, mm. crown, wt. 6.12gms (S.5404), *rare, lightly double-struck, reverse date reads 151556, a bold very fine* £700-800

\*ex Spink

ex R. Richardson, February 2007, purchased for £475

Burns fig. 788 no. 12



53. **Mary**, testoon, first period before marriage c. 1542 – 1558, type IIIa (d. 1556), small high arched crown over shield dividing MR, annulets below, MARIA DEI G SCOTOR REGINA 1556, *rev.* cross potent with large plain cross in each angle, IN VIRTUTE TVA LIBERA ME 1556, VIRTUTE in error, no stops in reverse legend, wt. 6.10gms (S.5404), *very fine* £700-800

\*ex Matthew Hollyfield, 17/07/2017, purchased for £680

Burns cf. fig. 790 no. 14 variety

Same dies as SCBI 58, no. 323



54. **Mary**, testoon, first period 1542 – 1558, type IIIb (d. 1557), mm. crown, low arched crown over shield dividing MR, no annulets below, MARIA DEI G SCOTOR REGINA 1557, *rev.* cross potent with cross in each angle, IN VIRTUTE TVA LIBERA ME 1557, no points between words on either side, wt. 6.15gms (S.5406), *rare, a pleasing example, very fine* £600-800

\*ex Mark Rasmussen, April 2016, list 28, item 643, purchased for £625

Rare without pellets between words

Burns cf fig. 793 no. 18

55. **Mary**, testoon, first period 1542 – 1558, type IIIb, with annulets (d. 1558), low arched crown over shield, dividing MR, annulets below, MARIA DEI G SCOTOR REGINA 1558, *rev.* cross potent with cross in each angle, IN VIRTUTE TVA LIBERA ME 1558, wt. 5.98gms (S.5407), *rare, a bold very fine* £500-700

\*ex Dundee 154 – again, the only example

ex Mark Rasmussen, 17/12/2010

Only two examples in SCBI vol 58, hence coins with annulets dated 1558 can be classed as rare

Murray had one example, item 1936

Burns for variety, vol II

Burns fig. 796 no. 21, but VIRTUTE



56. **Mary**, half testoon, first period 1542 – 1558, type IIIa (d. 1556), small high arched crown over shield dividing MR, no annulets below, MARIA D G SCOTOR REGINA 1556, *rev.* cross potent with cross in each angle, IN VIRTUTE TVA LIBERA ME 1556, wire line inner circles on both sides, wt. 3.08gms (S.5413), *seldom seen, a bold very fine, very rare* £800-1200

\*ex Asherton

ex Dundee 157

ex Dolphin Coins, 'fixed price list 1991,' ticket from Dolphin Coins

ex AMR Coins, 01/11/2012, purchased for £975

Burns example in the Kermack Ford collection

Only one example with plain crosses in angles of cross on reverse in SCBI vol. 58 as opposed to seven with crosses potent; this reverse die also has different i.m. (item 371)

None of this date in SCBI vol. 35





57. **Mary**, half testoon, first period 1542 – 1558, type IIIa (d. 1556), small high arched crown over shield dividing MR, no annulets below, MARIA D G SCOTOR REGINA 1556, *rev.* cross potent with crosses potent in each angle, IN VIRTUTE TVA LIBERA ME 1556, wt. 2.76gms (S.5413), *rare, some surface porosity, date weak on obverse, otherwise, very fine* £400-500

\*ex AMR Coins, November 2013, purchased for £500

Burns fig. 800 no. 5

Same dies as SCBI vol. 58, nos. 367 – 369

58. **Mary**, half testoon, first period before marriage c. 1542 – 1558 (d. 1558), small high arched crown over shield dividing MR, no annulets below, MARIA DEI G SCOTOR REGINA 1558, *rev.* cross potent with cross in each angle, IN VIRTUTE TVA LIBERA ME 1558, wt. 3.01gms (S.5413), *rare, a bold fine* £350-450

\*ex Murray auction – Spink no. 57, April 1987, lot 200

ex Dolphin Coins, February 2002, purchased for £450

All Mary half testoons are rare



59. **Francis and Mary**, testoon, second period 1558 – 1560, type I (d. 1559), crowned arms of Francis (as Dauphin) and Mary over cross potent, FRAN ET MA DEI G R R SCOTOR D D VIEN, *rev.* large FM monogram crowned, without the lis above the crown, Lorraine cross each side, FECIT VTRAQUE VNVM 1559, wt. 5.93gms (S.5416), *rare, very fine* £750-900

\*ex Mark Rasmussen, list 17, May 2009, purchased for £700



60. **Francis and Mary**, testoon, second period 1558 – 1560, type I, new obverse die (d. 1559), crowned arms of Francis (as Dauphin) and Mary over cross potent, FRAN ET MA DEI G R R SCOTOR D D VIE N, *rev.* large FM monogram crowned, without the lis above the crown, Lorraine cross each side, FECIT VTRAQVE VNVM 1559, wire lines inner circles on both sides, wt. 5.94gms (S.5416), *rare, some patches of discoloration, otherwise very fine* £550-750

Purchased for £500, 02/07/2015,

Unrecorded obverse die (not in SCBI 35 or 58), VIE N and pellet before N

Burns fig. 879 no. 6, but DEI, point before FECIT, point after 1559 and point between E N

61. **Francis and Mary**, testoon, second period 1558 – 1560, type II, Q at the end of obverse legend (d. 1560), arms of Francis (as King of France) and Mary, crown of five lis above arms, cross to left, saltire to right, FRAN ET MA D G R R FRANCO SCOTOR Q, *rev.* large FM monogram crowned, Lorraine cross each side, FECIT VTRAQVE VNVM 1560, damaged bottom stroke of L in LEO, wt. 5.94gms (S.5418), *once lightly cleaned, now toned, very fine* £600-800

\*ex R. Ingram Coins, 29/11/2018, purchased for £750



62. **Francis and Mary**, half testoon, second period 1558 – 1560, type I (d. 1558), crowned arms of Francis and Mary over cross potent, FRAN ET MA DEI G R R SCOTOR D D VIEN, *rev.* large FM monogram crowned, Lorraine cross each side, FECIT VTRAQVE VNVM 1558, wt. 3.03gms (S.5419), *very rare, obverse struck from rusty dies, otherwise very fine* £900-1200

\*ex Dolphin Coins, fixed price list no. 1 – 1992

ex Spink, c. April 2007

Burns fig. 880; DEI in legend – none in Burns or Richardson with this inscription

There are no coins with this legend in SCBI vol. 35 and in SCBI vol. 58





63. **Francis and Mary**, half testoon, second period 1558 – 1560, type II (d. 1560), arms of Francis (as King of France) and Mary, Scottish crown above cross on left, saltire on right, FRAN ET MA D G R R FRANCO SCOTOR Q, *rev.* large FM monogram crowned, crowned lis to left, crowned thistle to right, VICIT LEO DE TRIBV IVDA 1560, wt. 3.02gms (S.5421), *surface die flaws, a pleasing example, about extremely fine, rare* £1000-1500

\*ex Marquess of Bute, part II, Sotheby's, 11/06/1951, lot 242 (part)

ex Baldwin's, Michael Sharp, sold to Spink in December 2005 (see Spink NC, February 2006)

ex Mark Rasmussen, list 20, item 516

Burns fig. 887 no. 5: tall reverse crown, lis topped



64. **Francis and Mary**, half testoon, second period 1558 – 1560, type II (d. 1560), arms of Francis (as King of France) and Mary, FRAN ET MA D G R R FRANCO SCOTOR Q, *rev.* large FM monogram crowned, crowned lis to left, crowned thistle to right, VICIT LEO DE TRIBV IVDA 1560 (S.5421), *rare, good very fine* £800-1200

\*ex Lloyd Bennett, 23/11/2007

ex Spink, 26/02/2008, lot 400, purchased for £700

Burns fig. 888 no. 6







## AN INCREDIBLY RARE RYAL



65. **Mary Stuart (after Abdication) 1542-1567, Mary and Henry Darnley**, ryal, fourth period 1565 – 1567 (d. 1566), dated 1566 but probably struck 1572., crowned shield, thistle each side, **HENRIC & MARIA GRA R & R SCOTORV**, *rev.* tortoise climbing a palm tree, DAT GLORIA VIRES on scroll, EXVRGAT DEVS 9 DISSIPENT INIMICIEI, 1566, wt. 29.69gms (cf S.5425; SCBI 58, Edinburgh, 1189 (same dies), *of the highest rarity, believed to be the only example available to commerce, a bold very fine* £7500-10,000  
\*ex Davissons Ltd, 03/02/2016, lot 291.

Rampling and Murray, BNJ 59 (1989), p. 213: they believed these ryals to be genuine, noted from the Lockett example that the reverse is from a genuine die

David J. Rampling, Journal NAA, vol. 27, 2016, pp. 90 – 148: discusses these ryals in detail, there are five known, this example is the only one available to commerce; further notes that the obverse die derives from an authentic die

SCBI vol. 58, plate 48

Henry Darnley, a cousin of both Elizabeth I and Mary, became Mary's husband in 1565. Henry began scheming early on to become the real rather than the titular king on the Scottish throne. In these intrigue driven times, there was a problem finding influential backers. Protestant nobles like the Earl of Morton and Sir William Maitland brought a plan to gain the throne to Darnley.

Their effort to traumatize Mary by murdering her confidante and secretary, David Riccio, in front of her failed. Mary, pregnant at the time with the future James VI/I rallied an army and routed the plotters. Maitland may have been defeated but apparently not daunted. An article on Marian coinage (BNJ 1987 Joan Murray, "The Coinage of the Marians in 1572") cites him as involved in the 1572 counterfeiting of half and quarter merks, James VI issues.

This article and a subsequent article in the 1989 BNJ (Rampling and Murray, "An Addendum....") notes that the piece "has none of the properties of the ryal now provisionally attributed to a Marian source".

While neither of the BNJ articles suggests it, it does seem a reasonable assumption that this coin issued with Henry's name first HENRY & MARIA, was issued by pro-Henry plotters. An issue date of 1566 using a genuine 1566 reverse die matched with a "custom-made-Henry-primary" die does not require much of a speculative stretch. Interestingly enough, the weight, particularly of this piece in this sale, was within the tolerance range for regular issue – not intending to defraud, but to declare. The genuine die does not show the rust or deterioration that might be expected from a die that sat around for several years.

Darnley was assassinated in 1567 in a plot that became a significant factor in Mary's downfall. I have been able to trace only three examples: the Lockett example (October 1930:913.) (Lockett also had a two-third ryal with the same reading, lot 911.); the SCBI National Museum of Scotland example, 1189; and this piece. This piece originally came from US dealer Robert Vlack.

Alan Davisson



66. **Mary and Henry Darnley**, ryal, fourth period c. 1565 – 1567, second issue (d. 1566), crowned shield, large thistle each side, MARIA & HENRIC DEI GRA R & R SCOTORV, no stop after SCOTORV, *rev.* tortoise climbing a palm tree, DAT GLORIA VIRES on scroll, EXVRGAT DEVS & DISSIPENT<sup>r</sup> INIMICIEI, 1566, wt. 30.32gms (S.5425), *full flan, once polished, otherwise good very fine* £1700-2000  
 \*ex Spink, sale 13013, purchased for £1,488

Burns fig. 905



67. **Mary and Henry Darnley**, two-thirds ryal, fourth period 1565 – 1567 (d. 1565), crowned shield, thistle each side, MARIA & HENRIC DEI GRA R & R SCOTORV, *rev.* tortoise climbing a palm tree, DAT GLORIA VIRES on scroll, EXVRGAT DEVS DISSIPENT<sup>r</sup> INIMICI EI, wt. 20.55gms (S.5426), *scarce, a pleasing very fine* £1200-1500  
 \*ex Mark Rasmussen, 11/12/2007, purchased for £675

Burns fig. 907 no. 10 variety and no contractive sign above V



68. **Mary and Henry Darnley**, one-third ryal, fourth period c. 1565 – 1567 (d. 1565), crowned shield, thistle each side, MARIA ET HENRIC DEI GRA R ET R SCOTORVM, *rev.* tortoise climbing a palm tree, without legs or feet, DAT GLORIA VIRES on scroll, EXVRGAT DEVS ET DESSIPENT<sup>r</sup> INIMICI EIVS, thistle countermark of the revaluation of 1578, raising its value from 10/- to 12/3, wt. 9.99gms (S.5427), *very fine and rare* £1000-1250  
 \*ex C.J. Martin, July 1995, purchased for £250

Burns fig. 910 no. 17 and DES for DISSIPENT





69. **Mary and Henry Darnley**, one-third ryal, fourth period 1565 – 1567 (d. 1565), crowned shield, thistle each side, MARIA ET HENRIC DEI GRA R ET R SCOTORVM, *rev.* tortoise climbing a palm tree, DAT GLORIA VIRES on scroll, EXVRGAT DEVS ET DISSIPENTr INIMICI EIVS, wt. 10.18gms (S.5427), *very fine/good very fine and rare* £900-1200

\*ex Dolphin Coins

ex Spink, c. April 2007, purchased for £650

Burns fig. 910 no. 18 and no pellets to left of crown



70. **Mary**, ryal, fifth period 1567, Second Widowhood (d. 1567), crowned shield, thistle each side, MARIA DEI GRA SCOTORVM, OR of SCOTORVM punched over RV, *rev.* tortoise climbing a palm tree, DAT GLORIA VIRES on scroll, EXVRGAT DEVS DISSIPENTr INIMICI EI, thistle countermark of the revaluation of 1578, raising its value to 36/9, wt. 30.26gms (S.5429), *almost very fine* £1200-1500

\*ex Baldwin's 'fixed price' list, 11/04/2018, purchased for £1,500



71. **Mary**, two-thirds ryal, fifth period 1567, Second Widowhood (d. 1567), crowned shield, thistle each side, MARIA DEI GRA SCOTORV REGINA, *rev.* tortoise climbing a palm tree, DAT GLORIA VIRES on scroll, EXVRGAT DEVS DISSIPENTr, INIMICI EI, thistle countermark of the revaluation of 1578, wt. 20gms (S.5430), *a rare obverse die, on a nice round flan, good fine* £500-700

\*ex Spink, c. April 2007

Burns fig. 913 no. 3, but no contractive sign above V

A rare die with SCOTORV legend without M



72. **Mary**, one-third ryal, fifth period, Second Widowhood (d. 1567), crowned shield, thistle each side, MARIA DEI GRA SCOTORVM REGINA, *rev.* tortoise climbing a palm tree, DAT GLORIA VIRES on scroll, EXVRGAT DEVS ET DISSIPENT [ ] IVS (double struck), crowned thistle countermark of the revaluation of 1578, wt. 9.81gms (S.5431), *clearly struck over another coin, rare, surfaces tooled, otherwise good fine* £700-800  
\*ex DNW, 16/09/2020, lot 65, purchased for £1,109

This obverse die has a fleur-de-lis in the top right hand corner of shield and in the middle of right hand side below lion's tail  
Obverse die not recorded by Rampling; see 'The Silver Ryals Coinage of Mary, Queen of Scots' by David J. Rampling, JNAA vol. 27, 2016



73. **Mary**, bawbee, first period 1542 – 1558, Before Marriage, coinage of 1553, last issue of Mary's bawbee's, group 4, class VIIIb (ii), mm. cinquefoil, crowned thistle dividing MR, mm. cross potent, MARIA DEI G R SCOTORVM, *rev.* slender saltire cross, plain cinquefoil each side, OPPIDVM EDINBVRGI, wt. 2.10gms (S.5432), *practically extremely fine and rare thus* £350-500

\*ex Patrick Finn, list 13, 1998, item 375; obverse DEI G R, mm. cross potent  
ex Mark Rasmussen, April 2016, list 28, item 646, purchased for £325  
Stevenson, BNJ 1989, reverse: plate 15 no. 125

74. **Mary**, bawbee, first period 1542 – 1558, coinage of 1553, last issue of Mary's bawbee's, class VIIIb (iii), mm. closed cinquefoil, crowned thistle dividing MR, high ornamented double arched crown, mm. cross potent, MARIA DEI G R SCOTORVM, *rev.* slender saltire cross through crown, large pierced cinquefoils at the sides, OPPIDVM EDINBVRGI, wt. 2.18gms (S.5432), *fine, very scarce* £80-120

\*ex Spink, SNC, February 2008, no. 177, purchased for £100

Burns fig. 859 no. 73 for reverse (group 4)

R. Stevenson, BNJ, 'The Bawbee Issues of J V and Mary,' the coin is on plate 15 no. 126

Same coin as Richardson 150, only stops on obverse

None in SCBI vol. 35

75. **Mary**, billon bawbee, first period 1542 – 1558, issue three-fourths alloy, class Vd, *obv.* crowned thistle dividing MR, MARIA [D] G R SCOTORV[M], *rev.* voided saltire cross through crown, cinquefoil each side, OPPIDVM EDINBVRGI, no stops, wt. 1.98gms (S.5433), *slight edge chip, for issue almost very fine, rare* £150-200

Burns fig. 854 no. 63

BNJ 1989, pp. 133 – 150, plate 13, no. 77/8

SCBI vol. 58, no. 684 – 686, none in vol. 35

Richardson no. 126





76. **Mary**, bawbee, first period 1542 – 1558, Before Marriage, group 3, class VI aiv, crowned thistle dividing MR, MARIA D G R [ ] SCOTORM, *rev.* voided saltire cross through crown, cinquefoil each side, OPPIDVM EDINBVR, wt. 1.84gms (S.5433), *fair to fine, extremely rare* £70-100  
*\*ex Thomas Greaves, 01/09/2012, purchased for £70*

Stevenson, BNJ 1989, group 3, class VI aiv, p. 150, plate 14, no. 86 – 87: crown on obverse is fig. 1.16, p. 145 – large crown, no arch, sides joined to strongly curved loop

Only one coin listed of this class – Lord Stewartby Collection, which has the reverse crown inverted, while this coin does not

Extremely rare pair of dies, no other recorded

None in SCBI vol. 35 or vol. 58

77. **Mary**, bawbee, first period 1542 – 1558, group 3, class VI ai, crowned thistle dividing MR, crown of three larger and two smaller lis, MARIA DG R[EGINA SCOTO]RVM, *rev.* voided saltire cross through crown, cinquefoil each side, inverted cross/crown (very rare die), OPPIDVM EDI[NBVR]GI, wt. 1.78gms (S.5433), *fine, very rare* £75-100  
*\*ex Andrew Howitt, 12/02/2009, purchased for £85*

Not as such in Burns, but class VI

For a similar reverse example in Lord Stewartby Collection – BNJ 1989, vol. 59, pp. 120 – 156, plate 14, no. 86 – 87

None with inverted cross in SCBI vol. 35 or vol. 58

78. **Mary**, bawbee, first period 1542 – 1558, coinage of 1553, class VIIb (IV), crowned thistle dividing MR, mm. cross potent, MARIA D G R SCOTORVM, *rev.* voided saltire cross through crown, cinquefoil each side, OPPIDVM EDINBVGI, no stops on either side, wt. 1.79gms (S.5433), *very fine, very scarce* £100-200  
*\*ex Fred Rist*  
*ex Andrew Howitt, May 2009, purchased for £110*

Class VII along with VIII are seldom seen and are poorly represented in museums, hence are desirable and very scarce

As Richardson 136, but no hair line inner circles

The following is from Stevenson, BNJ vol. 59, 1989, pp. 120 – 156: class VIIb (IV), crown – fig. 1 no. 22 (VIIb), plate 14, no. 119

Burns fig. 858 no. 71 variety, but no stops

None in SCBI vol 35



79. **Mary**, bawbee, first period c. 1542 – 1558, issue three-fourths alloy, Before Marriage, stirling, class I (early die), crowned thistle dividing MR, M[A]R[IA] D G REGIN[A] SCOTORV, old open 'A' as on the bawbee of James V and round 'O', *rev.* cross potent with cross in each angle, OPPIDVM STIRLINGI, wt. 1.87gms (S.5434), *once gilt, otherwise almost very fine, very rare* £250-350  
*\*ex Michael Anderson collection – Spink 27/09/2006, lot 492*  
*ex Spink, October 2007, purchased for £250*

Burns fig. 860 no. 74 variety – contractive sign above V

Struck for Mary of Guise between June and November 1544



80. **Mary**, half bawbee, first period 1542–1558, open crown variety, open crowned thistle dividing MR, type Dacrown but no arch, type Daa letter M, MARIADGRSCOTORVM, no inner circle or stops, *rev.* voided saltire cross through crown, cinquefoil below, OPPIDVM EDINBVRGI, no inner circle, wt. 0.63gms (S.5436), *fine very rare* £150-200  
\*ex Stack's, 28/04/2010, lot 1470, purchased for £253

This coin not recorded by Stevenson or Burns, but notes taken from Robert K. Stevenson BNJ 1989  
None in NMS: SCBI vol. 58 or vol. 35  
DNW 55, lot 55 for same obverse die



81. **Mary**, plack, first period 1542 – 1558 (d. 1557), crowned shield dividing MR, MARIA DEI G SCOTOR REGINA 1557, *rev.* ornate cross with plain cross in centre and crowns in angles with beaded arch, SERVIO ET VSV TEROR 1557, wt. 1.82gms (S.5437), *well struck, a bold very fine* £120-150

\*ex Baldwin's, June 1984

ex DNW Auction 83, 30/09/2009, lot 4111, 'The Roderick Macpherson Collection', estimated at £80 – 100

Burns fig. 871 no. 6

82. **Mary**, billon plack, first period 1542 – 1558, eleven-twelves alloy, type d (d. 1557), crowned shield dividing MR, MARIA DEI G [SCOT]OR REGINA 1557, *rev.* ornate cross with plain cross in centre and crown in angles, [SER]VIO ET VSV TEROR 1557, wt. 1.83gms (S.5437), *irregular flan, otherwise good, very fine* £150-200

SCBI vol. 58, no. 971 cf

Richardson cf no. 179



83. **Mary**, penny, first period c. 1547, Before Marriage, facing infant head, arched crown, MARIA D G R SCOTORVM, *rev.* cross fourchee, cinquefoils in the first and third quarters of the cross, crowns in the second and fourth quarters, OPI DVM EDN BVR, wt. 0.73gms (S.5440), *good portrait, some silvery surface showing, rare thus* £750-900

\*ex Stephen Mitchell, 27/09/2007, purchased for £600

Burns fig. 864 no. 3 variety (with points on obverse)





84. **Francis and Mary**, lion, second period 1558 – 1560 (d. 1559), crowned FM monogram, dolphins each side, looking l, *rev.* crowned lion rampant (S.5450), *very fine* £90-150



85. **James VI**, ryal, first coinage (d. 1569), crowned shield dividing IR, IACOBVS 6 DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned sword, pointing hand on left, XXX on right, PRO ME SI MEREOR IN ME, wt. 29.19gms (S.5472), *old light scratches on reverse, toned, very fine* £600-800

\*ex Paul Davisson

ex Spink

ex Mark Rasmussen, 01/07/2010, purchased for £500

Burns fig. 921 no. 4



86. **James VI**, ryal ('sword dollar'), first coinage c. 1567 – 1571 (d. 1570), crowned shield dividing IR, IACOBVS 6 DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned sword, pointing hand on left, XXX on right, not countermarked, PRO ME SI MEREOR IN ME, wt. 30.24gms (S.5472), *some weak areas in legend, otherwise good, very fine and rare* £1200-1500

\*ex Spink SNC, April 2007, purchased for £880

Burns fig. 921 no. 5



87. **James VI**, ryal ('sword dollar'), first coinage c. 1567 – 1571 (d. 1570), crowned shield dividing IR, IACOBVS 6 DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned sword, pointing hand on left, XXX on right, countermark of the revaluation of 1578, raising its value from 30/- to 36/9, PRO ME SI MEREOR IN ME, wt. 30.09gms (S.5472), *a bold very fine, scarce* £1200-1500

\*ex Marion B Sinton

ex DNW, October 2004, lot 722

ex Mark Rasmussen, December 2006, purchased for £725

The reverse counter stamp is on the right of the sword; all others the cataloguer has seen have it to the left of the sword  
Burns fig. 921 no. 5





88. **James VI**, ryal ("sword dollar"), first coinage c. 1567 – 1571 (d. 1571), crowned shield dividing IR, IACOBVS 6 DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned sword, pointing hand on left, XXX on right, crowned thistle countermark of the revaluation of 1578, raising its value to 365 – 9d, PRO ME SI MEREOR IN ME, wt. 30.48gms (S.5472), *edge striking crack at 12 o'clock, almost very fine* £850-1000  
\*ex R. Richardson, January 2012, purchased for £800

Burns fig. 921 no. 5



89. **James VI**, two-thirds ryal, first coinage c. 1567 – 1571 (d. 1569), crowned shield dividing IR, IACOBVS 6 DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned sword, pointing hand on left, XX on right, countermark of the revaluation of 1578, raising its value from 20/- to 24/6, PRO ME SI MEREOR IN ME, wt. 20.23gms (S.5474), *very rare date, deliberate light surface scratches both sides, otherwise fine to very fine* £300-400  
\*ex K.B Coins, August 1990, purchased for £175

Small digits in date as used on the one-third ryals, see Murray sale – Spink no. 57, April 187, lot 255 for a similar coin



90. **James VI**, two-thirds ryal, first coinage c. 1567 – 1571 (d. 1570), crowned shield dividing IR, IACOBVS 6 DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned sword, pointing hand on left, XX on right, countermark of the revaluation of 1578, PRO ME SI MEREOR IN ME, wt. 19.76gms (S.5474), *toned, very fine* £700-900  
\*ex Spink SNC, April 2007, purchased for £400

Burns fig. 922 no. 5



91. **James VI**, one-third ryal, first coinage 1567 – 1571 (d. 1568), crowned shield dividing IR, IACOBVS 6 DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned sword, pointing hand on left, XX on right, countermark of the revaluation of 1578, PRO ME SI MEREOR IN ME, wt. 10.14gms (S.5476), *very fine, very rare* £900-1200  
\*ex Mark Rasmussen, list 26, item 261, 07/08/2014, purchased for £775

Burns fig. 923



92. **James VI**, half merk ('noble'), second coinage (d. 1572), crowned shield between 6 and 8, five pellets to the belt of the crown, IACOBVS 6 DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* ornate cross, crowns in first and third quarters of the cross, thistles in second and fourth quarters, five pellets on each of the limbs of the cross instead of usual ribbed ornamentation, SALVVM FAC POPVLVM TVVM M [DNE] 1572, wt. 6.43gms (S.5478), *fine, very rare* £100-200  
\*ex Baldwin's, July 2006, purchased for £100

See Burns vol. 2, p. 355

See BNJ, 1987, vol 57, Joan E.L. Murray: 'The Coinage of the Marians in Edinburgh castle in 1572'

See BNJ, 1989, vol. 59, Joan E.L. Murray (in addition to previous article)



93. **James VI**, half merk ('noble'), second coinage (d. 1574), crowned shield between 6 and 8, no pellets on the belt of the crown, IACOBVS 6 DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* ornate cross, thistles in first and third quarters of the cross, crowns in second and fourth quarters, SALVVM FAC P[O]PVLVM TVVM DNE 1574, wt. 5.55gms (S.5478), *two small edge chips, otherwise very fine* £200-300  
\*ex Mark Senior, April 1994, purchased for £70

94. **James VI**, half merk ('noble'), second coinage (d. 1576), crowned shield between 6 and 8, seven pellets to belt of crown, IACOBVS (no S) 6 G DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* ornate cross, crowns in first and third quarters of the cross, thistles in second and fourth quarters, SALVVM FAC POPVLVM TVVM DNE 1576, wt. 6.78gms (S.5478), *well struck, about very fine, scarce in this condition, a rare date* £250-350  
\*ex Spink, c. February 2008

Burns fig. 926 for the type, date not represented; Burns mentions an example from the Pollexfen collection, dated 1576 and with thistles in first and third quarters of the cross on the reverse

None in Richardson or SCBI vol. 35





95. **James VI**, half merk ('noble'), second coinage (d. 1577), crowned shield between 6 and 8, six pellets to belt of crown, pellets to points on crown, IACOBVS 6 G DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* ornate cross, five-pointed star in central panel, thistles in first and third quarters of the cross, crowns in second and fourth quarters, SALVVM FAC POPVLVM TVVM DNE 1577, no point after DNE (unrecorded die), wire line inner circles on both sides of the coin, wt. 6.93gms (S.5478), *struck from rusty dies, almost very fine* £200-300  
\*ex Simon Hall, 20/10/2015, purchased for £150

Burns fig. 925 no. 10 variety

SCBI vol. 35, item 1225A and vol. 58, items 1412 – 1413

96. **James VI**, half merk ('noble'), second coinage (d. 1580), crowned shield between 6 and 8, six pellets on fillet of crown, IACOBVS 6 G DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* ornate cross, thistles in first and third quarters of the cross, crowns in second and fourth quarters, SALVVM FAC POPVLVM TVVM DNE 1580, wt. 6.65gms (S.5478), *rarely seen this nice, almost extremely fine, with lustre* £500-750  
\*ex Mark Rasmussen, 17/12/2010, purchased for £350

Burns fig. 926 no. 13

SCBI vol 58, nos. 1415/1416



97. **James VI**, quarter merk ('half noble'), second coinage (d. 1572), crowned shield between 3 and 4, IACOBVS 6 G DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* ornate cross, crowns in first and third quarters of the cross, thistles in second and fourth quarters, SALVVM FAC POPVLVM TVVM DNE 1572, wt. 3.86gms (S.5479), *a bold fine* £150-200  
\*ex DNW, 16/09/2014, lot 2785 (part)

Burns fig. 927 no. 1

98. **James VI**, quarter merk ('half noble'), second coinage (d. 1580), crowned shield between 3 and 4, crown has no points between the fleurs and crosses and no interior curve, IACBVS 6 G DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, no 'O' in IACOBVS, *rev.* ornate cross, thistles in first and third quarters of the cross, crowns in second and fourth quarters, SALVVM FAC POPVLVM TVVM DNE 1580, wt. 3.38gms (S.5479), *a bold fine, very rare* £200-300  
\*ex DNW, 16/09/2014, lot 2785 (part), whole lot purchased for £322.40

Burns does not record a piece dated 1580 with crowns in second and fourth quarters of the cross and thistles in first and third quarters

The only recorded example in SCBI vol. 58 no. 1440 which is the Richardson example item in the addenda 273; this coin has a large chip, resulting in the king's name being missing from the legend

SCBI vol. 58 assumes there is an O in king's name; however, such is not the case with this coin



99. **James VI**, thirty shillings, fourth coinage (d. 1582), half-length figure of king left in armour, holding sword, IACOBVS 6 G DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned shield between IR and X<sup>x</sup>X S, HONOR REGIS IVDICIVM DILIGIT 1582, wt. 22.7gms (S.5487), *good fine/very fine, scarce* £700-900

\*ex Gilboy collection, Glendining's, May 1975, lot 21, sold for £95

ex Spink SNC, April 2007, purchased for £575

Burns fig. 933 no. 2

100. **James VI**, thirty shillings, fourth coinage 1567 – 1625 (d. 1582), half-length figure of king left in armour, holding sword, IACOBVS 6 G DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned shield between IR and XXX S, HONOR REGIS IVDICIVM DILIGIT 1582, wt. 22.14gms (S.5488), *fair to fine, very rare* £400-600

\*ex Lingford collection, auctioned by Glendining's, 20/06/1951, lot 1156

ex Spink SNC, April 2007, purchased for £425

Burns fig. 932 no. 1

Very rare variety with XXX on one line, seldom offered for sale



101. **James VI**, twenty shillings, lion with claws variety, fourth coinage 1567 – 1625 (d. 1582), half-length figure of king left in armour, holding sword, IACOBVS 6 G DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned shield between IR and XX S, HONOR REGIS IVDICIVM DILIGIT 1582, wt. 15.15gms (S.5489), *good fine, scarce* £400-600

\*ex Chris Martin, July 1991, purchased for £98





- 102. James VI**, twenty shillings (d. 1584), half-length figure of king to left in armour, holding sword, IACOBVS 6 DEI GRATIA REX SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned shield between IR and XX S, HONOR REGIS IVDICIUM DILIGIT 1584, wt. 14.97gms (S.5489), *fine, toned, extremely rare* £1250-1500

\*ex Civitas Galleries, 09/01/2018, purchased in total with postage and vat from USA for £772

Burns unlisted, Lindsay no. 554

Only two known examples: Lingford, Glendining's, 20/06/1951, lot 1166 (part) (ex Dakers), bought by NMS (SCBI vol. 58, 1482); Bridgewater House collection – Sotheby's, 15/06/1972, lot 509 (worn)

None in Lockett



- 103. James VI**, ten shillings, lion with claws variety, fourth coinage (d. 1582), crowned half-length bust of king to left in armour, holding sword, IACOBVS 6 G DEI GRATIA SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned shield between IR and X S, HONOR REGIS IVDICIVM DILIGIT 1582, wt. 7.60gms (S.5490), *area of weakness on the face, very fine, scarce* £1000-1500

\*ex Murray – Spink 57, 29/04/1987, lot 279  
 ex Mark Rasmussen, 22/05/2010, purchased for £725  
 Burns fig. 936 no. 2



- 104. James VI**, balance half merk, sixth coinage (d. 1591), crowned shield between two thistles, IACOBVS 6 G D G R SCOTORVM 1591, *rev.* balance with sword behind, HIS DIFFERT REGE TYRANNVS, loosely formed N's (the form normally found), wt. 4.24gms (S.5491), *toned, good very fine* £900-1200

\*ex Studio Coins, December 1997, purchased for £300  
 ex Lloyd Bennett, March 2006, purchased for £600  
 Burns fig. 937 no. 2





- 105. James VI**, ten shillings, seventh coinage (d. 1600), bare headed bust in armour right, IACOB 6 G D G R SCOTORVM, IACOB for IACOBVS, *rev.* crowned triple-headed thistle, NEMO ME IMPV [ ] E LACESS[IT] 1600, wt. 5.86gms (S.5493), *fair, extremely rare date* £300-400

\*ex Fred Rist, March 2006, purchased for £295

- 106. James VI**, thirty pence, seventh coinage (d. 1594), bare headed bust in armour right, IACOBVS 6 G D G R SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned triple-headed thistle, NEMO ME IMPVNE LACESSIT 1594, wt. 1.50gms (S.5495), *a well-struck coin with good detail, fine, reverse better* £200-400

\*ex DNW Auction 83, 30/09/2009, lot 4149, the Roderick Macpherson Collection (bought BDW 2, 06/10/1993, lot 807)

Burns fig. 941 no. 1

- 107. James VI**, twelve pence, seventh coinage (d. 1595), bare headed bust in armour right, *rev.* crowned, triple-headed thistle, wt. 0.59gms (S.5496), *lightly clipped, otherwise, about very fine, scarce* £200-300

\*ex E Bay, Heather Applegarth, 12/08/2019, purchased for £200

Burns fig. 942 no. 1



- 108. James VI**, thistle merk, eighth coinage (d. 1602), crowned shield, IACOBVS 6 G D G R SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned thistle, REGEM IOVA PROTEGIT, wt. 6.59gms (S.5497), *a bold very fine* £200-350

\*ex Dave Clegg, November 1991, purchased for £70

- 109. James VI**, half merk, eighth coinage (d. 1602), crowned shield, IACOBVS 6 G D G R SCOTORVM, *rev.* crowned thistle, REGEM IOVA PROTEGIT 1602, wt. 3.38gms (S.5498), *a bold fine, scarce in this grade* £175-275

\*ex Andrew Howitt, 12/02/2009, purchased for £225

Burns fig. 944 no. 2



- 110. James VI**, eightpenny groat (billon plack), type two, crowned shield, IACOB' 6 G D G R SCO', *rev.* crowned thistle, OPPID' EDINB', no inner circles either side, wt. 1.47gms (S.5512), *with silvered surfaces, good very fine* £150-200

\*ex Murray – Spink, no. 57, 1987, lot 307 (part) illustrated

ex Spink, 2006



- 111. James VI**, twopenny plack, type I c. 1583 – 1590, crowned shield, IACOBVS 6 G D G R SCOTOR', *rev.* crowned thistle, OPPIDVM EDINBVRGI, wt. 0.89gms (S.5514), *fine, of the highest rarity, only one or two others known* £N/A  
\*ex Spink SNC, April 2007

This lot has been left in order for continuity, but will not be sold; it will instead be donated to NMS; Nick Holmes, the curator, had confirmed that no such example is present in their collection

Not recorded in Burns

The existence of this coin had historically been in doubt; Seaby Standard Catalogue, 1984, records: S.5514 twopenny plack exists, a price was first quoted in Spink's 2003 Standard Catalogue

The only reference the cataloguer is aware of is in 'The Coinage of Scotland' by J.D. Robertson, 1878, where it is stated: 'there is a variety, perhaps unique with the mint name in full, which reads IACOBVS and SCOTOR'



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- 112. James VI**, twopenny plack, type II, crowned shield, IACOB' 6 G D G R SCO', *rev.* crowned thistle, OPPID' EDINB', no inner circles either side, wt. 1.08gms (S.5515), *a pleasing example, a bold very fine, very rare* £300-500  
\*ex Lingford Part II – Glendining's, 20/06/1951, lot 1182  
ex Spink, Auction 20, 31/03/1982, lot 219  
ex Jack Murray collection – Spink, Auction 57, 29/04/1987, lot 309, sold for £120  
ex The Roderick Macpherson collection, DNW, Auction 83, 30/09/2009, lot 4167, estimated at £200 – 250

Burns fig. 963 no. 1

- 113. James VI**, hardhead, billon 23/24 alloy, issue of August 1588, IR crowned, IACOB 6 G D G R SCOTO, no apostrophe after IACOB or SCOTO, *rev.* crowned shield, VINCIT VERITAS, wt. 1.83gms (S.5517), *very rare in this condition, very fine* £250-400  
\*ex Ingram coins, 10/11/2010, purchased for £175

Burns fig. 965 no. 1

SCBI vol. 58, 1687 for obverse, 1685 for reverse



- 114. James VI**, sixty shillings, ninth coinage, type II, after English accession, king on horseback right wearing Scottish crown, thistle on housings, IACOBVS D' G' MAG' BRIT' FRAN' & HIB' REX, *rev.* shield with arms of Scotland in first and fourth quarters, QVÆ DEVS CONIVNXIT NEMO SEPARET, wt. 29.93gms (S.5502), *a bold very fine, a pleasing example on a round flan with much detail, rare* £1500-2000  
\*ex Murray – Spink's, no. 57, 1987, lot 322  
Burns fig. 983 no. 1





- 115. James VI**, thirty shillings, after English accession, king on horseback right, IACOBVS D' G' MAG' BRIT' FRAN' & HIB' REX, *rev.* shield with arms of England in first and fourth quarters, QVÆ DEVS CONIVNXIT NEMO SEPA[RET], wt. 14.94gms (S.5503), *good horseman, a bold very fine, scarce* £600-700

\*ex Mike Vosper, March 1994

ex Lloyd Bennett, March 2006, purchased for £500

- 116. James VI**, thirty shillings, tenth coinage, type I/type II mule?, king on horseback right, IACOBVS D' G' MAG' BRIT', FRAN' & HIB' REX, *rev.* shield with arms of Scotland in first and fourth quarters, QVÆ DEVS CONIVNXIT NEMO SEPA[RET], small lettering, wt. 14.86gms (S.5503/04), *almost very fine* £400-600

\*ex Spink, no. 57, J.K.R. Murray collection, lot 324

ex J. Williams, E Bay, 2020

Comma contraction marks on the thirty shillings pieces of the ninth coinage

Ian Halley Stewart, 'Unpublished Scottish Coins,' N.C., vol. XVI, 1956 (item 30)

SCBI 70, item 59



- 117. Charles I**, sixty shillings, first coinage 1625 – 1634, king on horseback right, CAROLVS D G MAG BRIT FRAN & HIB REX, *rev.* shield with arms of Scotland in first and fourth quarters, QVÆ DEVS CONIVNXIT NEMO SEPA[RET], wt. 29.68gms (S.5540), *good fine, rare* £800-1200

\*ex Murray-Spink, Auction 57, April 1981, lot 328

ex Spink SNC, April 2007, purchased for £400

Burns fig. 996 no. 1



- 118. Charles I**, thirty shillings, first coinage 1625 – 1634, king on horseback right, CAROLVS D G MAG BRIT FRAN & HIB REX, *rev.* shield with arms of Scotland in first and fourth quarters, QVÆ DEVS CONIVNXIT NEMO SEPA[RET], A over R, wt. 14.85gms (S.5541), *fine* £200-300

\*ex Mike Vosper, 08/10/2008, purchased for £180

Burns fig. 997 no. 2



- 119. Charles I**, thirty shillings, third coinage 1637 – 1642, type I, Briot's issue, mm. flower and B (from a lower half-crown die of Briot's first milled coinage) king on horseback left, , CAROLVS DG MAGN BRITAN FRAN ET HIB REX, *rev.* crowned arms, mm. thistle and B, QVÆ DEVS CONIVNXIT NEMO SEPARET, wt. 14.84gms (S.5553), *almost very fine, scarce* £500-700

\*ex Brodie collection, DNW, 08/10/2002 (55), lot 92  
ex Roderick Richardson, 14/01/2008, purchased for £500  
Burns fig. 1006 no. 6



- 120. Charles I**, thirty shillings, third coinage 1637 – 1642, type IV, Falconer's second issue with F, mm. leaved thistle, king on horseback left, F by horse's hoof, smooth ground below, , CAROLVS DG MAG BRITAN FRAN ET HIB REX, *rev.* mm. thistle head only, crowned arms, ornamented crown, , QVÆ DEVS CONIVNXIT NEMO SEPARET, wt. 14.92gms (S.5555), *almost extremely fine, desirable* £850-1100

\*ex Patrick Finn, list no. 14, item 425  
ex SNC, December 2001, SCO140  
ex Mark Rasmussen, 12/01/2011, purchased for £600



- 121. Charles I**, twelve shillings, third coinage 1637 – 1642, type IV, ? issue with F, bust of new style, only slightly breaking inner circle, CAROLVS D G MAGN BRITAN FRAN ET HIB REX, F after legend, *rev.* crowned shield of arms dividing CR, QVÆ DEVS CONIVNXIT NEMO SEPARET, wt. 5.77gms (S.5561), *extremely rare variety, fine* £200-300

J.K.R. Murray, 'The Scottish Gold and Silver Coinage of Charles I,' BJN vol. XXXIX, 1970, dies recorded in this article are as follows: (die variety 7, legends a/a, p. 141) 'No. 7 also has an F at the end of the obverse legend, but has plain instead of beaded inner circles and is extremely rare (three specimens seen),' full details pp. 127 – 128





- 122. Charles II**, four merk (d. 1670), bust right, leaved thistle below, CAROLVS [II] DEI GRA, *rev.* cruciform shields, crowned interlinked C's in angles, value LIII/4 in centre, MAG BRI FRA ET HIB REX 1670, die axis ↑→, wt. 26.24gms (S.5605), *fine, very rare* £700-800  
\*ex Spink, c. March 2009

Burns fig. 1048 no. 2

The die axis of the first coinage is usually with inverted reverse, but coins with upright die axis and other angles are also known.

All four merk pieces are at least rare

The date of 1670 was not represented in Murray, Richardson or SCBI vol. 35



- 123. Charles II**, half merk, first coinage 1664 – 1675 (d. 1672), bust right, leaved thistle below, CAROLVS II DEI (... but vertical) GRA, *rev.* cruciform shields, crowned interlinked C's in angles, value VI/8 in centre, MAG BRI FRA ET HIB REX 1672, wt. 3.07gms (S.5614), *a bold very fine, scarce die* £350-500

Burns cf fig. 1053 no. 7 but three points after DEI

Three points after DEI on obverse is a scarce example

None in Murray; Patrick Finn never had this date either

Only record of the three points after DEI is the Richardson example – item 41



- 124. James VII**, forty shillings (d. 1688), laurate bust right, 40 below, IACOBVS II DEI GRATIA, *rev.* crowned arms, ten strings to harp, MAG BRIT FRA ET HIB REX 1688, *edge* NEMO ME IMPVNE LACESSET ANNO REGNI QVARTO, wt. 18.33gms (S.5639), *very fine and scarce* £600-800  
\*ex A.D. Hamilton, 01/09/2008, purchased for £525

Burns fig. 1062

A much scarcer example than coins dated 1687



- 125. William and Mary**, sixty shillings (d. 1692), conjoined busts left, 60 below, GVLIELMVS ET MARIA DEI GRA, *rev.* crowned arms, MAG BR FR ET HIB REX ET REGINA 1692, *edge* PROTEGIT ET ORNAT ANNO REGNI TERTIO, wt. 27.54gms (c.f S.5642) no lozenge shield, *almost very fine, very rare* £800-1000

\*ex Seaby 1978, ticket in the hand of Robert Sharman

ex Baldwin's fixed price 2015, item SCO052, purchased for £1,007

Richardson p. 316 no. 3: no lozenges in Dutch shield, larger and differently ornamented harp

This coin is with 1691 obverse die, see SCBI vol. 70, pp. 75 – 76

- 126. Turner**, contemporary forgery, 1632 – 1639, wt. 0.6gms £10-20
- 127. Turner**, contemporary forgery, 1632 – 1639, wt. 0.55gms £10-20

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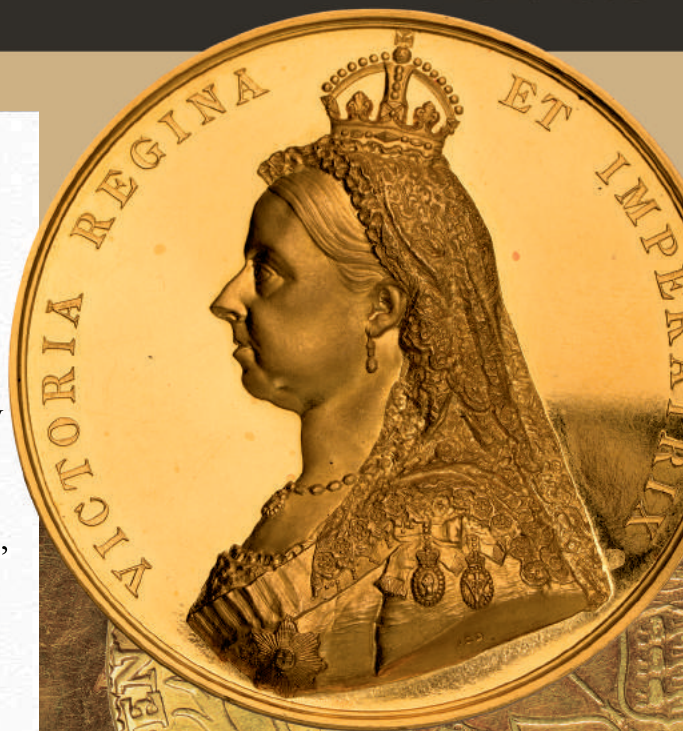
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